

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Lafontaine et al.	)	Examiner: Diane D. Yabut
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Filed: July 10, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 3366
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Title: System for Closing an Opening in a	)	Att. Docket No.: 29985/02-332
Body Cavity	)	
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 24, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the non-final Office action having a mail date of July 24, 2006. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.